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Today is:

Veterans Day
National Sundae Day

TREE TRIMMING NOTICE

The City of Brandon will begin TRIMMING TREES in the street right-of-way starting on/about November 24, 2025.

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Favorite Pizza: Cheese
Reason he likes working at Pizza Ranch: Hours, fun and energetic coworkers.

BRYAN
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Brandon Area Briefs

Final leaf drop-off is Saturday

The city of Brandon has one final free leaf drop-off day scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 15. From 8 a.m.-3 p.m. that day, residents may drop off leaves and leaf mulch at the McHardy Park parking lot at no cost.

Only leaves, mulch, pumpkins, veggies and garden produce will be accepted. Leaves must be in cans or bags.

No branches, loose leaves or tarps of leaves will be accepted.

To learn more call City Hall at (605) 582-6515.

VS Military History is Nov. 16

Bill Flinn will give a presentation on Aircraft Carriers: Flight Deck Operations at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16 at the

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Valley Springs American Legion Hall. The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will also be served.

BAFP annual dinner is Nov. 21

Tickets are now on sale for the Brandon Area Food Pantry's annual fundraiser dinner, which is Friday, Nov. 21 at the Bran-

don Golf Course. A cash bar opens at 6 p.m. and dinner is at 7, followed by a short program. Tickets are \$45 per person or \$360 for a table of eight.

For tickets, call the BAFP at (605) 582-7001.

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.

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Ask the Motor Medics®

Automotive Advice from The Under the Hood® Show

Dear Motor Medics,

I have a question about mufflers. Let me start by saying I am 72 years young and drive a 2003 GMC ¾ ton diesel truck. This thing is mint, and I have about every gadget known to man installed on it. What I have not done is modify the exhaust. I deliver RV trailers across the country with it and I wonder if adding a different exhaust may help with mileage. I see so many muffler systems on the road and some are so loud that I can hear them as they drive by with my windows up and air and radio on. I don't want to have a muffler that overpowers me. Is there such a thing as a performance muffler system that is also quiet?

Dan the tow man in Fargo North Dakota.

Dear Dan,

Yes there are mufflers that are quiet and add performance. With diesel a free-flowing exhaust system can make a difference in both power and mileage especially if used in conjunction with a power programmer which we will talk about often on our talk radio show. An exhaust system alone can also give you a boost and bigger and louder is not always king. Check on the diesel truck forums and see what is working for others with the same model truck. You will find many systems that provide both the added power you desire while keeping the noise level you want inside as well.

Take care, the Motor Medics

Dear Motor Medics,

I found myself in a strange situation at my house late at night with no one to help me. I had driven to work earlier and when I tried to turn my car off, I thought I felt the key hang up a bit like it was going to stick and not turn off but it did. I went to lunch and no problem but when I got home it did stick and would not turn off past the accessory position. I did not know what to do so I left my key in the car overnight and I was uncomfortable with that. I took it to a shop where they were able to fix it for me, but it was not in my budget at this time. Is there anything I could have done to at least get the key out?

Robert in Holdrege, Nebraska.

Dear Megan,

Yes there is a way to get the keys out of most cars when the ignition won't turn off like yours did. It can be as simple as pressing a hidden button in the bottom of the steering column or on the console. Other cars require removing a panel to access the button and most can be accessed quickly. The internet has some great articles about how to access hidden buttons. Look up how to do it and if you have this problem again, you'll be able to get the key out..

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The Lynx football team punched their ticket Friday night for a return to the DakotaDome and another battle against the Sioux Falls Lincoln Patriots. Writer Tom A. Savage brings you the recap from the 11AAA semifinal game and a preview of Saturday's showdown between No. 1 and No. 2.

And, speaking of post-season, the Lady Lynx volleyball team closed out their regular season schedule with a pair of wins as they head into Thursday's So-Dak 16 match against Rapid City Central.

A petition is circulating to bring the rezoning of land that would allow a cell tower to be constructed to a public vote.

Brandon water and sewer rates are going up in 2026. Find out how much more

residents will be paying for these services.

The 2025 Brandon Pizza Battle winner has been crowned. Find out which pizza rose to the top of peoples' palates this year.

Brandon Valley High School's FFA program stepped up to provide a meal to 200 in Sioux Falls on Sunday. Learn more about how they made the goodwill endeavor possible.

It was a day for "man's best friend" at Pioneer Park on Saturday. Find out what all the "barking" was about.

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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The Lynx Way**



**TEACHER
of the Week**



Mr. Duncanson, known affectionately as Mr. "D," has been teaching Physical Education at Brandon Elementary for 32 years and is truly the best at what he does each and every day. Students deeply respect Mr. D and thoroughly enjoy going to P.E. each week. He forms strong bonds with students, especially the Kindergartners, joining them for lunch daily and leading the "Let's Get Fired Up" rally every Friday to support the Lynx! Mr. D is always willing to lend a helping hand wherever needed, and his kindness, caring nature, and love for kids shine through in everything he does. Brandon Elementary is very fortunate to have Mr. Duncanson as part of our team!

- Mr. Merle Horst, Brandon Elementary Principal

What is your favorite school lunch?
Chicken patty day!

Why do you love teaching?
I love the kids and building relationships with them.

How long have you been with the district?
32 years

What's your favorite past time?
Watching the Iowa Hawkeyes.

What was your favorite subject in school and why?
I had two favorite subjects in school History and Physical Education. When I was growing up I always wanted to be a history teacher and a coach. I was blessed with several awesome teachers and coaches that influenced me to get into teaching.

**STUDENT
of the Week**



I nominated **Cora Dabney** for Student of the Week, as she is an excellent role model for others. She is incredibly bright, positive, kind, and is respectful to all students and teachers. If you know Cora, you know she always has a smile on her face. I can always count on her to include others in the best way, making everyone feel special and seen. I am truly blessed to have her as part of my class this year.

- Mrs. Katee Lane, 4th Grade Teacher

What is your favorite school lunch?
Chicken Alfredo

What grade are you in?
4th Grade

What does the Lynx Way mean to you?
It means that I come to school everyday as my best self and try to help people in any way I can.

What do you want to be when you grow up?
Singer



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**TEACHER
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Fred Assam Elementary is excited to recognize **Karlie Maki**, one of the district's school psychologists, as this week's Teacher of the Week. Karlie goes above and beyond every single day to help students at Fred Assam and across the district. When a student is having a tough time in the classroom, Karlie jumps in to figure out what's going on and works with the student, teacher, and family to come up with a plan that helps everyone move forward. She's great at building trust with kids and finding ways to help them feel successful. Teachers appreciate how easy she is to work with and how she always brings practical ideas that can be used right away. Karlie's calm, caring approach makes a real difference for students and staff alike. We're lucky to have her as part of our school community!

- Rick Pearson, Fred Assam Elementary Principal

What is your favorite school lunch?
Always of fan of the walking tacos!

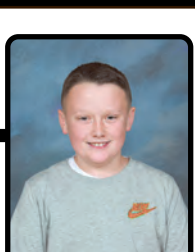
Why do you love teaching?
My job as a school psychologist allows me to be involved in supporting students, staff, and families in many unique ways. I love that I'm able to help teachers brainstorm new ideas for students, provide resources to families, and have opportunities to connect with the students each day. One of the best aspects of my job is getting to encourage students to persevere through difficult situations and giving their teachers and support staff potential tools to help these students succeed.

How long have you been with the district?
This is my fourth year with Brandon Valley!

What's your favorite past time?
Spending time with my friends, my family, and my pets.

What was your favorite subject in school and why?
My favorite subject in school was history. I always enjoyed learning about the people who came before us and all the events that occurred to get us where we are today.

**STUDENT
of the Week**



Kyler Graff (4th Grade Fred Assam) Kyler shows the Lynx Way every day at school. He demonstrates responsibility by coming to class prepared, completing his work on time, and taking ownership of his learning. He shows respect by listening to his teachers and classmates and treating others the way he would like to be treated. Kyler also makes safe choices by following school rules and thinking about how his actions affect others. He is kind to everyone, he includes others, offers help when someone needs it, and treats people with care. Finally, Kyler is an active learner who participates in class discussions, asks thoughtful questions, and always tries his best, even when the work is challenging.

- Rick Pearson, Fred Assam Elementary Principal

What is your favorite school lunch?
The new orange chicken!

What grade are you in?
4th Grade at Fred Assam Elementary

What does the Lynx Way mean to you?
Being a good example for others and always showing kindness.

What do you want to be when you grow up?
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Across

1. Cocktail flavorers

6. Honshu peak

10. Le Sage novel “Gil ____”

14. Irregularly notched

15. A part of

16. German automaker

17. “Back to business!”

20. Flowery ring

21. Irritate

22. Israeli desert

23. Twosomes

26. Voltaire novel

28. Exemplars

30. Soft cheese

31. Move furtively

32. Like the fabled piper

33. Brief briefs?

37. 1968 Steppenwolf hit

40. Hook’s sidekick

41. Hole up

42. Greedy king

43. A lot

44. Aptly named flight

45. Sitting on normally, as a horse

49. “Giant” star Sal

50. Cut at an angle

51. Tryst murmur

52. Make darker

55. Broker’s pamphlet

60. Berth place

61. Part of WWW

62. Canadian skater Brian

63. Messes up

64. Passé marriage vow verb

65. Start of a tot’s song

Down

1. Intense enthusiasm

2. Author ____ Stanley Gardner

3. Considerable advantage

4. Disapproving sound

5. Cinque follower

6. Bona ____ (good faith)

7. Computer operating system

8. Singer/actor Bon Jovi

9. Like Beethoven’s minuet

10. Stationed

11. Super Mario’s brother

12. Included

13. It’s full of holes

18. Blockbuster rentals

19. Songstress Murray

24. Bush or Kerry

25. Evelyn Waugh’s brother

26. Brunch selection

27. Assistant

28. Theories

29. Geom. measure

30. 1984 Matthew Modine title role

32. “The Age of Reason” author Thomas

33. One in front of a train?

34. Predecessor of 18-Down

35. June 6, 1944

36. Zaire’s Mobutu ____ Seko

38. Punch card remnant

39. Ness team

43. Wire measures

44. Donnybrook

45. Tolerate

46. Title for ventriloquist Wences

47. Den combo unit

48. Really smells

49. Wallet filler

51. Relinquish

53. Picked from a lineup

54. Like mortals?

56. Common ticket booth request

57. Playground marble

58. ____ few rounds (spar)

59. Metro area

62. Chemical suffix

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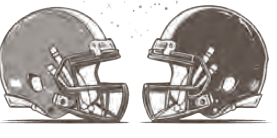
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