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Watch for the Shop Small Saturday postcard in your mailbox







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Brandon Area Briefx

Parade of Lights steps off Saturday

Brandon VFW Three Rivers Post 4726 is one again staging a Parade of Lights that will step off at 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28 from the Brandon Valley High School parking lot. The parade route will proceed down Holly Boulevard to Main Avenue, and will disperse at the VFW Hall. Families, organizations and local businesses are encouraged to take part in the parade. There is no cost or pre-registration.

Circuit initiates winter clothing drive

Circuit's "Warm Hearts, Warm Hands" warm weather clothing drive is underway. Circuit is accepting donations of all sizes of gently-used or new winter coats, hats, scarves, mittens, gloves, snow pants, boots, etc. Donations may be dropped off at Circuit (1124 E. Holly Blvd.) from 3:30-7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. All donations will be given to the St. Francis House in Sioux Falls.

No Military History program this month

Valley Springs American Legion Post 131 has postponed their November Military History Night. The next presentation will be given in January 2021.

BV Optimists spearhead Community Christmas Tree program

The Brandon Valley Optimist Club is spearheading its 11th year of providing Brandon area families a little extra help around the holidays. The Community Christmas Tree Program collects Christmas gifts and household items at trees located at Sunshine Foods, Brandon Pharmacy, Ace Hardware and Anytime Fitness.

Community Christmas Trees have been set up in the above-noted businesses, displaying tags of requested gifts for local families in need. Residents are encouraged to select a tag, purchase the requested gifts and return them to the tree. Volunteers will collect, organize, wrap and deliver the gifts to the intendent families.

In 2019, the Optimists' Community Christmas Tree program brightened the holidays for 24 local families (94 individuals).

To learn more, visit byoptimists.org

BVSD Angel Tree program

Are you in need of financial assistance for your children this Christmas? The Brandon Valley Angel Tree program provides presents for BV School District children ages 0-18. To register, visit https:// fors.gle/QZc7K1DfWRZcXbX47. Forms are also available from counselors at each BV attendance center. Forms should be filled for each child in the home. The deadline is Friday, Nov. 13. Gifts will be wrapped and can be picked up at BVHS on Dec. 21 and 22. All requests remain confidential.

For questions, email Michelle/Stemwedel@k12.sd.us.

To sponsor a child, contact Michelle Stemwedel or Jessica Henson at 582-3211.

November needs at the BAFP

November needs at the Brandon Area Food Pantry include shampoo, laundry detergent, small bottles of dish soap, bottled juice, graham or snack crackers, frosting, canned pumpkin and small bags of dog/cat food. Due to COVID-19 precautions, Pantry clients will receive items that have been pre-bagged.

To make appointments for either pickups or donations, call 582-7001.

The BAFP is open from 4-6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and will maintain those hours until further notice.

The BAFP continues to accept used eye glasses and hearing aids on behalf of the Brandon Lions Club.







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Brandon City Council is considering a mask mandate and the Journal will bring you a report on the public's thoughts to the possible action.

Shop Small Saturday and a Christmas Lights Parade is on tap for this Saturday. Learn more about what's all planned for Brandon's official kick-off to the holiday season.

The Lady Lynx volleyball team took aim at the AA state title last week and the Journal was on the sidelines with camera and notebook in hand to capture their post-season journey.

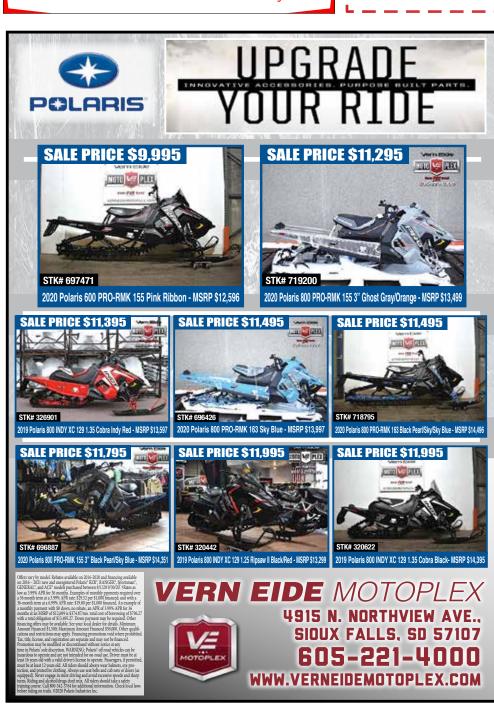
A fundraiser is being organized for Lynx boys' basketball coach Brent Deckert, who is battling stage 4 lung cancer. Journal editor Jill Meier brings you his personal reflection on the diagnosis as he continues to teach and coach.

We'll also bring you reports from last week's Minnehaha County Commission and Valley Springs City Commission

We have several unique stories to feature this week, including the story behind Chrystal Rothenberger's "Wildly You" blog, a father and daughter who teamed up in authoring a children's book, and Circuit's winter weather clothing drive.

All this and a whole lot more can be found on the pages of this week's Brandon Valley Journal!

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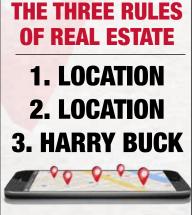
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