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or

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Monday, December 15th
from 8am to 5pm.

Watch for the Shop Small Saturday postcard in your mailbox!

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Reason he likes working at Pizza Ranch: Likes working here because of the hours.

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Brandon Area Briefs

Away in a Manger live nativity is Friday
605 Roots, 26704 481st Ave., Sioux Falls, is staging a live nativity, Away in a Manger, from 6-8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12. 605 Roots invites the public to step into the story of Jesus' birth to experience the wonder and peace of the stable where the King of Kings was born. Along with the live nativity, there will be a station to write a letter to a loved one in Heaven, sing songs of the season, enjoy a cup of warm cider and more.

Shop Small Vendor Fair rescheduled to Saturday
The Brandon Valley Area Chamber's Shop Small Vendor Fair is rescheduled from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13 at Celebration UMC, 500 Pasque Trail. The event features vendors selling unique gifts and hand-crafted items. Santa and Mrs. Claus will also make a special appearance. To learn more, contact the BVACC at (605) 582-7400.

City snow alert information
To keep informed on snow alerts in the city of Brandon, they are announced via several avenues: City website, text message, KELO-TV, KS-FY-TV, KDLT-TV, KTTW-TV, KELO-AM/FM, KXRB, KRRO, KTWB, KWSN, KXQL, Q957, KSOO. Once a

snow alert is issued or 3 inches or more of snow has fallen, it is automatically considered a snow alert and it is illegal to park on the street until the street is plowed. To sign up to receive a text message, visit <https://cityof-brandon.org/notifications>

Warm clothing drive wraps up Friday
Circuit Martial Arts & Fitness, Brandon, is collecting warm clothing now through Friday, Dec. 12. Donations of new or used clean coats, boots, gloves, hats, blankets, etc., may be dropped off at Circuit, 1124 E. Holly Blvd., Monday-Friday 3-6:30 p.m. and Saturdays 7 a.m.-noon.

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.

SOLUTIONS

Puzzle Solution Sudoku								
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5	1	3	9	6	4	7	2	8
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Puzzle Solution © OnlineCrosswords.net														
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Ask the Motor Medics®

Automotive Advice from The Under the Hood® Show

Dear Motor Medics,
I heard you guys on a recent show discussing vehicle warm-up times and heard you say it was not necessary to warm up a fuel injected vehicle. I thought that all vehicles should be warmed up to get the oil flowing at least a little bit. If this is so, how long is a good warm-up time?

Brandon in Dayton Ohio.

Dear Brandon,
There was more to what we were talking about that you must have missed. While we said that the fuel injected vehicles manufactured in the past few years could be driven right away due to better parts and efficient injection systems we still recommend some warm up time. We have heard some people even say just start them up and drive them to warm them up faster although we don't agree with that. There has to be a proper medium between running a vehicle too long to warm it up which wastes fuel and taking off so soon that the defroster won't even keep a windshield clear posing a safety hazard. The owner's manual will provide a good reference for warm ups. For us personally we tend to err on the longer side of warm up times. We like to make sure everything is lubricated and working as it should. It also gives us a chance to do some important things like adjust those mirrors, fasten our seat belts, and most importantly, turn off our cell phones for safety.

Take care, the Motor Medics

Dear Motor Medics,
My question is about accessories plugged into a lighter socket. Recently I have been experiencing dead batteries on my 2009 Cadillac Escalade and they tell me it's caused by the accessories that I leave plugged into the lighter at all times. If the vehicle is not driven every day it will not start and is completely dead. I question how something as small as a cell phone or GPS unit can drain a battery so quickly, is this possible? I have stopped leaving things plugged in and have had no further issues but wonder if it's not just a weak battery. What are your thoughts?

Darla in Elmira New York.

Dear Darla,
It may sound strange but when anything is left plugged into the accessory outlet it can run the battery dead. Yes the power drain is very small and would take many days to drain a battery but there is something much larger at work here. Newer vehicles have many modules that when awake (turned on) will draw several amps of power and would drain a battery very quickly. To prevent this drain the modules go into a sleep state just like a home computer in sleep mode. They know when to sleep by monitoring the systems for non-use just like a home computer. If something is being charged by the lighter socket they think the system is still in use and keep the modules powered thus draining the battery quickly.

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1. Dog holder

4. Partner of alas

9. "Nonsense!"

14. Game whose name is shouted when a player has one card

15. Haul

16. Speedy Northeast train

17. Mail svc.

18. Experiment

19. Upscale watch

20. Heart

23. Viaduct feature

24. Rockies roamer

25. Nissan sedan

28. The 34 in a 16/34 shirt

30. Storm center

31. '60s conflict site

32. Register

35. Terrier type

36. Ears

41. Presidencies, to historians

42. Island north of Java

43. Beachball filler

44. Some 45s, briefly

46. Become fond of

50. Mustard family root

52. CBS hit series

54. Environmental activist Brockovich

55. Thumbs

58. Big name in talk

60. Seat of Marion County, Florida

61. Grammar bestseller "Woe _"

62. Lyons lady

63. Career military person

64. Hanna-Barbera collectible

65. Shocking weapon

66. Give the slip

67. Clue word missing from 20-, 36-, and 55-Across
- Down

1. Muslim women's garments: Var.

2. Roll out

3. "Ain't gonna happen!"

4. See 30-Down

5. Double-yolker

6. Israel's Sharon

7. Vintage auto starter

8. '50s NFLer Rote

9. Reward for good behavior, sometimes

10. Troop's information gatherer

11. Capital on the Gulf of Finland

12. Flagon filler

13. Surfboard coat

21. Master piece?

22. Beam

26. Diner spread

27. "Yes!"

29. It may be rouge or blanc

30. With 4-Down, intermission music

33. Catches red-handed

34. Skater Midori

35. Boiler room worker

36. Nectar flavor

37. Soprano's showpiece

38. Sail supports

39. Privileged

40. Cultural prog. funder

44. Artist known for spatial illusions

45. Key letter

47. Beethoven's Third

48. Sparkly strand

49. "Mourning Becomes Electra" playwright

51. Part of Caesar's boast

52. Agnes's uncle

53. Jumble

56. Loser to Clinton

57. Whittle

58. "...the apparel _ proclaims the man": "Hamlet"

59. Stew morsel

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

	6	8	5			2		1
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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WATER TREATMENT PLANT & REVERSE OSMOSIS SYSTEM



The multi-year Water Treatment Plant Expansion and addition of Reverse Osmosis Softening System is finally operational!

The water treatment plant expansion project at a cost of \$25.3 million and the addition of the RO system, which was made possible by American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding from the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources, were both a long time coming.

The expansion has doubled the capacity of the plant from approximately 2,000 gallons per minute (gpm) to 4,000 gpm. This expansion also puts the city in position to meet the water needs of Brandon until 2070.

The RO system has reduced the hardness of City-provided water from approximately 24 grains to 12 grains.

WESTVIEW ESTATES DRAINAGE PROJECT

Trees and debris have been removed to improve the drainage system at Westview Estates. And while residents feared the cleanup would negatively impact wildlife, noise, aesthetics and property values, the promise that new trees would be planted to restore the natural beauty of the area.

The need to clean out the drainage area is to stop any future problems to adjacent properties.

“Branches come down, the leaves, the debris,” City Engineer Tami Jansma said. “The water coming into this detention area is through

a concrete pipe. Everything leaving this detention area is through a concrete pipe, so it's easy for those concrete pipes to get clogged up.”

The main concern with the trees in the drainage way is to reestablish the flow path.

The city will also reseed the area with native vegetation, pollinator vegetation and wildflowers.

“We do hope to create that habitat creation and still make it look nice, but still be able to maintain it,” Jansma explained. “It’s going to look 100 percent better.”



EXIT 406 DIVERGING DIAMOND INTERCHANGE

After two years of navigating the orange cones across the Interstate 90 bridge at Exit 406 in Brandon, the \$43.1 million endeavor wrapped up last month!

Although this was a project driven by the South Dakota Department of Transportation, this massive endeavor plays a crucial role for local residents and businesses in the City of Brandon.

This DDI is the fourth of its kind in the state of South Dakota. DDIs are proven to reduce traffic crashes 50-75 percent.

The entire project was a collaboration of city, state and federal agencies.

“It was a great collaboration with all of the entities that were involved in this. It was a very complex project in regards to sequencing and how we were going to handle the traffic

throughout the duration of the two years. Our goal was to minimize the impact on those businesses, and I think working together that truly came to fruition,” said Joel Jundt, S.D. Secretary of Transportation at the Nov. 25 ribbon cutting celebration.

The new bridge is forecasted to last 75-100 years, and will surely serve the Brandon community well for decades to come.

